

PATENT  
674523-2005.2

*17W*

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Kingsman, *et al.*  
Serial No. : 10/661,761  
Filed : September 11, 2003  
For : **RETROVIRAL VECTORS**  
Examiner : D. Nguyen  
Group Art Unit : 1632

745 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10151

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: **Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 1, 2005.**

**Thomas J. Kowalski, Reg. No. 32,147**

(Name of Applicant, Assignee or Registered Representative)

*Thomas J. Kowalski*  
Signature

June 1, 2005

Date of Signature

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to make special this application for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02, item VII, "Inventions Relating to Recombinant DNA." This invention provides lentiviral-based vector particles designed to improve the safety and efficiency of recombinant DNA delivery. It does so by providing a vector system that lacks auxiliary genes normally present in the virus, thus reducing pathogenicity. A primary use of the claimed invention is to deliver a gene of interest encoding a therapeutic protein, providing treatment for a wide variety of diseases. The invention is particularly well-suited for treating neurological diseases, due to the vector particles' ability to infect non-proliferating cells such as neurons. As such, this application qualifies to be made special under M.P.E.P. § 708.02, item VII.

06/07/2005 JBALINAN 00000086 10661761

01 FC:1464

130.00 OP

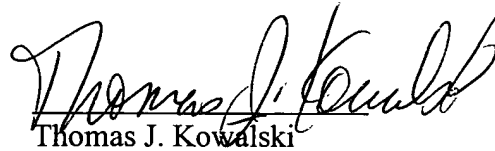
A check for \$130.00 in payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fee for this Petition or to credit any overpayment in such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

If any issues remain, or if the Special Program Examiner has any suggestions, s/he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below. The SPE's consideration of this matter is appreciated and an expedited examination is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP  
Attorneys for Applicants

By:



Thomas J. Kowalski  
Reg. No. 32,147

Anne-Marie C. Yvon, Ph.D.  
Reg. No. 52,390  
Phone: (212) 588-0800